MR. MATTHEW MURIKKAN (*Vaikam*): May I know whether he could transfer Medical Officers on his own accord?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He cannot transfer persons the power of transferring whom is vested with the Board.

MR. MATTHEW MURIKKAN (*Vaikam*): Are there a certain number of people the power of whose transfer is not vested with the Board?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, those who draw less than Rs. 30.

Auction of a Tank-bed in the Neendakara Pakuti.

418. MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the circumstances that led to the sale of 45 acres of tank-bed, for Rs. 45,000 in the Neendakara pakuti of the Agastisvaram taluk in the beginning of this year, 1104; and

(*b*) the reasons for not confirming the auction in the name of the bidder?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There was no sale of 45 acres of tank-bed, as stated by the member, in the Neendakara pakuti. An extent of 27 acres and 36½ cents of tank *poramboke* in the Neendakara A Division pakuti was put up to auction by the Dewan Peishkar, Trivandrum, in accordance with the orders of the Government, towards the close of 1103.

(*b*) The auction sale was set aside by the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner owing to certain material irregularities of procedure that characterised the sale. The matter is now before the Government.

Revenue from Timber removed from certain Forests.

419. MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state the quantity of timber removed annually from the forests between Azhakiapandipuram and Cape Comorin during the last 12 years (1092 to 1103) and the revenue realised therefrom?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There are no forests or reserved areas between Azhakiapandipuram and Cape Comorin.

MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know from the member whether any portion of the Kalkulam Range is between Azhakiapandipuram and Cape Comorin?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is based on the Conservator's report. According to that there are no such forests within the area.

MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*): I want to know whether any portion of this Range is between Azhakipandipuram and Cape Comorin.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice of that question. The Conservator will have to be asked about it.

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